

DRAMATIC AND MUSICAL NOTES.

THE ITALIAN OPERA will make its first appearance in our midst next Monday evening, at the Academy of Music, under the management of Max Strakosky. Madame Anna De Grange, soprano; Miss Adelaide Phillips, contralto; Signor Brignoli, tenor; Signor Sussini, basso; and Signor Randolfi, baritone, are the leading attractions, while the chorus is said to be one of the most efficient ever brought together in this country. The season will be limited to five nights and a matinee, with the following repertoire in order:—*Il Trovatore*, *Norma*, *La Favorita*, *Don Giovanni*, and *Ernani*. In *Il Trovatore*, on Monday evening, Madame De Grange will appear as the heroine, Miss Phillips as "Azucena," Signor Brignoli as "Marcello," and Signor Randolfi as the "Count di Luna." This season, although not short, promises to be one of unusual brilliancy.

MR. KENNEDY'S SCOTCH SONGS.—Mr. Kennedy again appeared last evening at the Musical Fund Hall, in his characteristic rendition of the songs of Scotland. In London he acquired a very enviable reputation, but we do not hesitate to say that the press of that city did him nothing more than justice. His voice has great flexibility and sweetness, and his expression is as varying as every change of sentiment in the words he sings. While every moment upon his programme was a gem, with himself, his singing of the plaintive ballad of "The Land of the Leal" and Scott's stirring lay of "The Macgregor's Gathering" were doubly of special mention. Those who were not present at the entertainment last evening should not neglect the last opportunity which this evening presents for hearing some of the finest ballad singing with which Philadelphia has ever been favored.

THE GERMAN DRAMA.—For the first time in years, Philadelphia will next week have an opportunity of witnessing the performance of a first-class German actress. Madlle Fanny Jannuschek, in truth, has achieved a reputation second to that of no other tragedienne of any nationality now upon any stage, while she enjoys the rare favor of having an efficient support. She will make her first appearance in this city next week, at the Chestnut Street Theatre, appearing every evening during the week, and on Saturday afternoon. The dramas selected for her first engagement are *Adrienne Lecouvreur*, *Deborah*, *Egmont*, *Emilia Galotti*, and *Marionette*.

THE HANLON BROTHERS, renowned as acrobats and aerialists throughout the world, will devote Christmas week to the entertainment of Philadelphia, appearing every night, commencing with Monday, December 23, at the Academy of Music, and continuing to the country from Europe, bringing with them some of the most accomplished performers of the Old World.

HOMICIDES NEAR ALTON, ILL.

A Man and His Two Children Killed.—The Man's Wife Badly Wounded.—Assault on One of the Alleged Murderers. St. Louis, Dec. 12.—Information was received in Alton last night of a horrid murder committed on Monday, ten miles north of that place, on the Chicago Railroad, by which one man and two of his children lost their lives. The family lived at Bidder's Search, and on Monday two men with blackened faces, or negroes, entered the cabin and demanded money of the man. The latter endeavored to escape, when they shot him. They then cut him dreadfully with an axe, and robbed the cabin of \$150. The wife started for the neighbors to make an alarm, but the fiends assaulted her, and two of the children, trying to save their mother, were also struck with the axe. Subsequently the children died, though the wife is still alive.

An inquest was held on the bodies, and a verdict rendered according to the above facts. The name of the family was Pepps. The murdered man had just returned from St. Louis, where he had sold a load of produce, and it is supposed the murderers knew of the money being in his possession.

Efforts to discover the murderers of Pepps and his children have led to further particulars, and to the arrest of two suspected parties in this city. Constable Byrnes, of Madison county, informs us that one of the parties suspected was apprehended this morning and lodged at Third Station House. He is a mulatto, named Joseph Marshall. His right eye is completely blind, and he is described as a tall, muscular man. He has not been found yet, and probably did not come to this city. The two negroes were seen around the father's premises on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. They visited the house on Saturday evening, and requested the privilege of remaining all night; but the father had not accommodations for them, and after giving them material to start a fire, they left for the purpose of committing the murder. On Sunday evening they returned and perpetrated the murder.

Mr. Pepps had been sick for twelve days with an attack of dysentery, and was in the act of repairing to the out-house, when the attack was made upon him by one of the negroes, who, with an axe, after felling Pepps to the ground, mangled in his skull. The assassin then entered the house, leaving his victim as he supposed, dead. The wounded man, however, summoned enough vitality to crawl into the house, and died in a few minutes upon the floor.

The wife and two children were soon stricken down by the accomplice within doors, and then the murderers, after securing the small amount of plunder which the father's poverty afforded them, fled from the locality.

Pepps was extremely poor, but bore the reputation of an honest, hard-working man, and his horrible death has awakened great excitement in the neighborhood.

The negro Marshall was delivered over to constable Byrnes by the Sergeant at the Third Station House this morning, and, after being handcuffed, was taken to the scene of the murder, in Madison county, where his examination will be held.

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